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Subject.

Laying foundation for a stone wall to be erected around the Edgah on the Civil Station

Previous References.

Resident's Court papers

Later References.

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RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Note Sheet.

File No. 89/1910.

Letter No. *dated*

from

SUBJECT.

Office

Please give me a very brief abstract of the facts & dates connected with the Jamuj Sayal dispute

1. Date when land was given by Govt for the Sayal.
2. Given also disputes between Lasbela & Bakhanis first broke out
3. Given Jamuj also: Date when & how granted

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joint worship for fear of
breach of peace.

4. That when obligation
has begun in the first
court.

5. Rights as to counter-
terms of settlement
in premises.

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Abstract submitted

Notes—continued.

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In the beginning of 1862, there was a split among the Mahammadans of the Cantonment of Bangalore (since known as the C & M Stn of Bangalore).

p 25 ll 35-46
p 26 ll 1 to 4
of the printed record.

A party of them consisting of Labbays & Dakhanies seceded from the rest, and, obtaining from the Govt of Mysore in or about* March of the same year a site near the Tanneries° on St John's Hill, founded thereon in or about⊗ the following year an Idgah, since known as the Tannery Idgah, for purposes of their separate worship. Both the Labbays & the Dakhanies were attending this Idgah for common worship, without dispute, for a number of years up to 1882.

* The ~~word~~ month is inserted from the date of exhibit ~~IV~~ V - p 19 ll 1 & 2.

° p 193 ll 26 & 27.

⊗ p 26 ll 18 & 19.

From almost the beginning of its existence, the Labbays were taking the leading part in the affairs of the Idgah.

Page 44 para 54 of the printed record.

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(a Dakkani) (18)

Prior to 1882, one Abdul Khalick was the Peish Imam for ~~over 15~~ about 15 years. During that period he was also Peish Imam of the Labbay Mosque. In 1882 the Labbays dismissed him from their mosque & the Idgah ~~for misconduct~~ and appointed a new Peish Imam in his place. This led to disputes between the two communities, for the first time, the Dakhanies asserting a right to have a voice in the ~~selection and~~ appointment and dismissal of Peish Imams for the Idgah, which the Labbays denied. A breach of the peace was then apprehended and on the occasion of the first ensuing festival at the Idgah ~~in that year~~ in 1882, Major Malthy, the then Dt Magistrate of the Ct ⁊ Sta of Bangalore, permitted the two communities to worship at the Idgah, only by turns at different hours of the day, while at the next festival in the same year he completely prohibited them from reading prayers there, unless they previously settled their disputes between themselves. Thereupon ~~on 1883~~ on & 11 August 1883, they entered

p 45 ll 30-32

p 46 ll 25 & 30.

p 46 ll 35-41.

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p 47 ll 20 to 38.

into an arrangement whereby it was mutually agreed that upon the Dakhanies fulfilling certain conditions, the Peish Imams of their jamayato should read or conduct the prayers at the Idgah one in each year by turns. The Dakhanies, however, failed to fulfil the stipulated conditions and for some years (from 1883 to 1898), they seem to have kept aloof from all matters relating to the Idga at the Idgah, as before the agreement, without dispute.

p 51 para 62.

In 1889 the Labbays themselves became split up into two rival factions and breaches of the peace at the Idgah between them had to be prevented for some years by Magisterial orders. In 1897 however they became reconciled to each other.

p 53 para 64

In 1898 the Dakhanies revived their old claims, completely ignoring the agreement of 1883, and sought for orders in their favour from the Dt Magistrate, C & M Stn, to enable them to worship at the Idgah with their own

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Peish Imam without disturbance from the Labbays. Thereupon the Dt Magistrate (Mr Harris) after holding an enquiry, passed an order dy 20th April 1899 forbidding them both to resort to the Idgah on the occasion of the following Bakreed festival. This order was renewed from time to time on the occasion of each festival, but in 1903 the Labbays protested and a full ~~and completed~~ enquiry was accordingly held by Mr Lloyd with the result that on the 4th Decr 1903 he passed an order restraining the Dakhanies from interfering with the reading of the prayers by the Peish Imam of the Labbays.

The only remedy then left to the Dakhanies was to institute a civil suit for a declaration of their joint rights, which they did in the Court of the Dt Judge of the C & M Stn of Bangalore ~~in~~ on 16. Feby 1904. But the suit was dismissed by the Dt Judge on various grounds. Thereupon an appeal was preferred before

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the Hon'ble the Resident in May 1908 & When the same was pending disposal, the two communities entered into a compromise, mutually agreeing to adopt the arrangement of 11th August 1883, the terms of which are

(1) the Dakhenies should build the compound wall of the Idgah with stone, with copings & a gate, a stone pond and a stone mantap & until these are erected, the prayers of the feasts at the Idgah should be read by the Peish Imam of the Labbay mosques.

(2) After the abovementioned erections are made, the Peish Imams of the Dakhani jamayets should read the prayers at the Idga one in each year by turns & a committee consisting of one meetwalli from each jamayet will manage the receipts, expenditure, cloths (presented) in each year.

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R. P. B.—7-09.—2,000.

B. P. B.—4-1910.—8,000.

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RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Note Sheet.

File No. 89/1910

Petition
~~Letter No.~~ _____ dated the 24th Nov. 1910
from S. Abdul Hai.

SUBJECT.

Re: the new Edgah.

The orders passed by Mr Fraser Kuja. They are not in the office. They are probably in the Addl Admin

No: 7272 dated 1st Dec-1910.

30/12 I cannot find any thing. Perhaps Mr. Abdul Rahman can help. Please send to him Mo.

MRW
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The Kaulki the Fraser the record a "Razeena nama" when he decided the new Edgah on 23rd August 1910 which was signed by him

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inquiry and the Production of the three Pundits, Major Grey & Mr Richards they found at the time. The Rajah-manah was given to the Translation & to peruse each party with a Copy of the Translation. & Reasonable time to do this at once & the parties applied to Major Grey for the Translation who ordered me on 26th Sept last to peruse the copies & to read him the Rajah-manah which he said he would translate himself. & accordingly the original Rajah-manah with its rough Translation I was to compare with a request to correct the Translation if necessary & to order a copy thereof to the given to each of the parties from this

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Office Major Grey below
was subsequently shot-
he had received a Re-
Appointment & the
Commission which was
"Civil- Service-" & that-
he would see the Chief, medical
Officer
I have got a copy
of the Appointment with
me till Major Grey
wanted perhaps the
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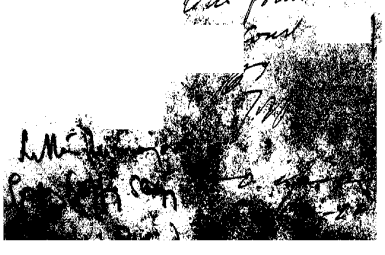
the original this could
in the- matter &c.

Middle Hillman
Dec. 3, 10



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working Court issue letter below in original
Use from Court need to keep a copy

PBW
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...NGALORE
Register No. 1782
Date of Receipt 24-3-10.

Bangalore,

23rd. March, 1910.

To

The Hon'ble Mr. S. M. Fraser I.C.S., C.I.E.,
Resident in Mysore.

Through

F. J. Richards Esq., I.C.S.,
Collector & District Magistrate.

Forwarded for favourable consideration
F. J. Richards
23.3.10
Coll & Dist Magr

Respected Sir,

We, the plaintiffs in the Eadgah case that was lately disposed of in your Honourable Court and other Mohomedan Citizens interested in the cause, beg to approach your Honour with a prayer to which, with your wonted solicitude for the welfare and interest of the different communities entrusted to your charge, we hope you will be pleased to accede.

2. The history of the Eadgah case is, indeed, as it is known to you a long one and suffice it to say that it took more than 25 years to come to a close. But its happy termination at which all of us rejoice and

Please reply that it can be given from [illegible] jurisdiction to accept this petition for perusal pleasure of circulating it among the petitioners on the above subject and return the petition to me

which has made more than ample amends to its long delay, has been greatly if not solely the result of your magnanimity in bringing about a reconciliation among the different Mohomedan Communities of the Station.

3. As you may remember one of the points then set-tled was that the Communities to which we, your Honour's Memorialists, belong should build a stone wall with coping and a gate around the Eadgah, a Men-tapam for the watchman and a tank or gunta for the use of the worshippers. This we are sorry, ~~are~~ now ashamed to admit still remains undone, but in extenuation we would submit that the delay was entirely due to circumstances both unavoidable and unforeseen. We are however happy now to state that these adverse circumstances have been removed and feel sure that your honour will be glad to learn that it is our firm determination to proceed with the work almost immediately and to see it completed within two months or at the outside within three months from now. The usual plan for the work has been sanctioned in the usual course. The only preliminary that still remains to be done is to fix a date and lay the foun-

-dation. For this we can think of none better en-
-titled than your Honour, as it is only fair that
your Honour who was the first and foremost in bring-
-ing about the peaceable settlement among the Mohome-
-dan Communities in the Station should also have the
privilege of putting the finishing touches to the
settlement so happily and magnanimously effected by
you. With this prayer therefore we humbly approach
your Honour and beg that you will be pleased to com-
-ply with our request and thus unite us to yourself
by one more bond of esteem and gratitude which we all
entertain towards you.

We beg to remain,

Respected Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

Hajee Ghulam Rasool Khan

Abdurrussaul

Abdul Rawoof

R. P. E.—3-1910.—1,000.

RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Serial No
File No.

[DRAFT.]—For approval.

From

MAJOR W. G. GREY, I. A.,

1st Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

No 1885
D/24 March 1910

~~To~~

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 23rd inst. I am desired to say that it will give Mr. Fraser great satisfaction to accept your invitation to perform the pleasing ceremony of putting the coping stone on the amicable settlement between the Muhammadan Communities of the Cantonment. The ceremony may ~~conveniently~~ be fixed for Wednesday the 30th March 1910 at 5.30 P.M. ~~with the~~ ~~the Resident~~

Yours,

WG. 24/3

Thro' the Chief Secy. to Govt. Gulam Rasool Khan Sahib, Bangalore

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INDIAN [redacted] TELEGRAPH [redacted]

NOTICE.

This form [redacted] accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

Charges to pay. Rs. As.

Office Stamp

Handed in at (Office of Origin.) Hour. Service Instructions Words.

Bangalore 13 [redacted]

Recd. here at 13 H. 10

TO The Honorable
The British Resident
Bangal[redacted]

Dhakni musalmans put up sto[redacted]
tablet Edigagate in the name of
Gulamrasool and magistrate
Abdulrahiman with objectionable
inscription and afainst the terms of
Rajnama this Causes dissatisfaction
and Gives room for unnecessary
N. B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.
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and abdulbhai may be wried
to remove the same immediately
further pray audience Tuesday
morning in the residency in
[redacted] matter The Conduct of the
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RESIDENT'S OFFICE,
BANGALORE.
Register No. 5056
Date of Receipt 22-8-10
Ref. No. 8 of 1910

In the name of Ghaffoor = 1328 A. H.

(Ghaffoor one of the several names of God means The forgiving).

Compliments to, and Peace be on, the Prophet = 1328 A.H.

Verses, commemorating the year of the completion of the new works, in the Eadgah, constructed by the well-known merchant Janab Ghulam Rasool Khan Saib (may his dignity increase!) son of Janab Hajee Hyder Khan Saib (Peace be on him!), composed by Khan Bahadur Mohamed Abdur Rahman Sahib.

1. Thanks to the Almighty God! the elegance and beauty of the Eadgah has been increased.
   It is not unbecoming if the Eadgah vies with the heavens in splendour
2. The greatness of the Eadgah has been enhanced by the reconciliation of the Mahomedans
   Four more jewels have been added on to the already existing ornaments of the Eadgah
3. (namely) A pavilion, a fountain, a lovely orna=
   = mental gate, and
   Also a stone wall which surrounds the Eadgah.
4. Son of the best of Hajees (viz) the respected
   Hyder Khan Saib
   Fountain of charity, cause of the improve=
   =ments of the Eadgah.
5. Large-hearted merchant Ghulam Rasool Khan Saib
   Whose magnanimity completed the finishing touches of the Eadgah

6. Purely for God on behalf of the Jama'at of Dekhanis
Spent his own money in the cause of Eadgah.

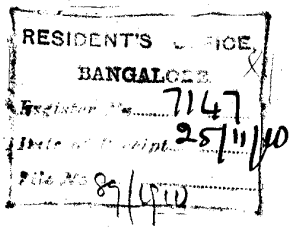
7 Officer of happy disposition, governor of bright understanding
Cause of compromise between Mahomedans in the affairs of Eadgah.

8. Full of tact, British Resident, Sun of Justice, Washed with the water of justice, the dust of the Eadgah.

9. (the) Hon'ble Mr. S. M. Fraser, full of wisdom Laid the foundation stone of the compound wall of the Eadgah.

10. Upon the brightness and beauty of the new construction
The skies have scattered pearly stars on the Eadgah.

11. The Angel from Heaven announced to me the year of the completion of the new works thus:
"Glory to God! Dignified has become the beauty of the Eadgah" = 1328. A.H.



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To,

The First Assistant to the Hon'ble the
Resident in Mysore, B a n g a l o r e.

Respected Sir,

I beg to submit the following for your consideration and orders.

That in pursuance of the judgment and Decree passed in Regular Appeal No.11 of 1908 re the dispute of the new Edgah the Deccanees having constructed the stone wall &c the Hon'ble the Resident Mr. S. M. Fraser paid a visit to Edgah on the 23rd August 1910 and after hearing the objections advanced by the Lubbeys in regard to the stone tablet put up in the newly constructed wall effected a compromise by ordering them to put up a similar tablet and wrote an order on the spot in which he expressed his satisfaction at the work done which order was translated by Major Grey and got it signed by both the parties. The order was entrusted to Mr. Abdul Rahiman, Khan Bahadur, with instructions to furnish copies of the same to each party.

That on the representation of the Lubbeys who wanted to perform the Ramzan prayers at the Edgah your predecessor Major Grey sent for the appellants and after hearing them said that he would pass orders. Major Grey hearing that copy of the Resident's orders dated 23rd

August

August 1910 was not supplied to the parties, wrote a D.O. to Mr. Abdul Rahiman, the 2nd Magistrate to return the order to him, Mr. Abdul Rahiman, I believe, has returned the same with the translation in Hindustani.

I request your honor to kindly furnish me with the copies of the orders passed by the Resident and Major Grey in the matter with a view to enable the appellants to give effect to the Decree passed in the case. For which act of kindness, I shall ever be grateful.

I beg to remain,
Respected Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
S. Abdul Hai,
184, Narrain Pillay Street,
2d Appellant.

Bangalore,
24th November 1910.